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Dear Editor,

In their letters published January 8, Carl Reggio and Meredith P. Davidson say I hate Roy Meachum. Mr. Reggio loves Mr. Meachum because he thinks Mr. Meachum "charmed my little girl in the grocery store." Mr. Davidson says he is a scholar. Therefore - and not because I have written anything that is in any way wrong - I ought not be commenting on Mr. Meachum's virulence.

Neither has even suggested I made any factual error or that any opinion I offered is unjustified. They just don't like Mr. Meachum's writings, particularly his anti-Semitism, exposed.

With only two exceptions, this has been what I have written about. The two exceptions, his egregious error about the Senate and the Bork hearings and the matter of his fence, related to opinions I offered about Mr. Meachum's arrogance and attitude of superiority and omniscience and his open disregard for the law, which he did violate.

I don't know Mr. Meachum, to the best of my knowledge I've never seen him, I haven't spoken to him, and I have no interest in him personally. I have tried to provide an antidote to his racist venom and, although it is never possible to catch up on all his glib errors, to correct some of them. No more.

I am glad that the papers published these vacuous letters, whether or not by Mr. Meachum's friends, because they serve to underscore that what I have written, that he is factually incorrect and merely says the first thing that pops into his mind. Otherwise these lovers and the scholars would have attributed factual error or unjustified opinions to me. I invite them to do so.

I can only wonder what field of scholarship is Mr. Davidson's specialty when he says "there are real villains out there, such as the Ayatolah Khomani and Colonel Quadhafi" so why do I write about Mr. Meachum's columns? First of all, they are "out there" and we are right here. Second, can it possibly be that Scholar Davidson does not

understand that I have written about them in that I have said that Mr. Meachum, to this day, persists in regarding their gangs of kidnappers and thugs as true "patriots" and not criminals?

Or is Mr. Davidson "out there."

Sincerely,

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